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After a brutal encounter with her possessive--and deadly--father, Daisy managed to escape his wrath but was not able to go far in her current state. Beaten, both physically and emotionally, the young girl found solace in the most unexpected place--the doorstep of the determined and criminal entrepreneur, Shen...

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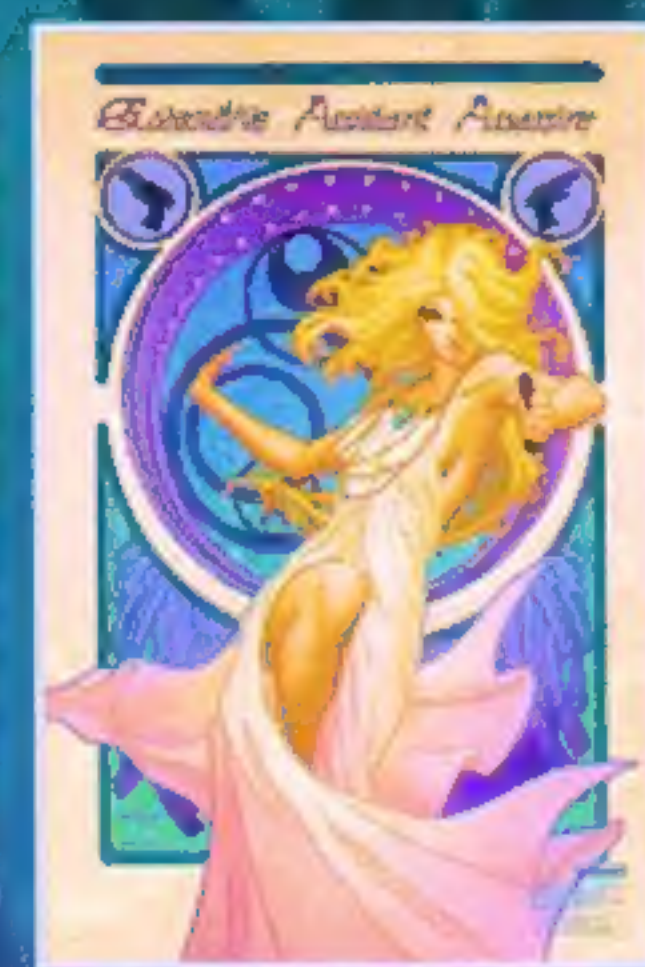
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YOU'RE CLEARLY ENJOYING YOURSELF.

WHAT, A GIRL CAN'T ENJOY SHOPPING?



YOU MAY ENJOY ANYTHING YOU LIKE. I TAKE PLEASURE IN WATCHING YOUR ENJOYMENT.



YOU KNOW, I CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE FULL OF S#%T OR IF YOU GENUINELY CARE ABOUT MY WELLBEING. OR, IF YOU'RE JUST LOOKING TO GET UNDER THIS DRESS.



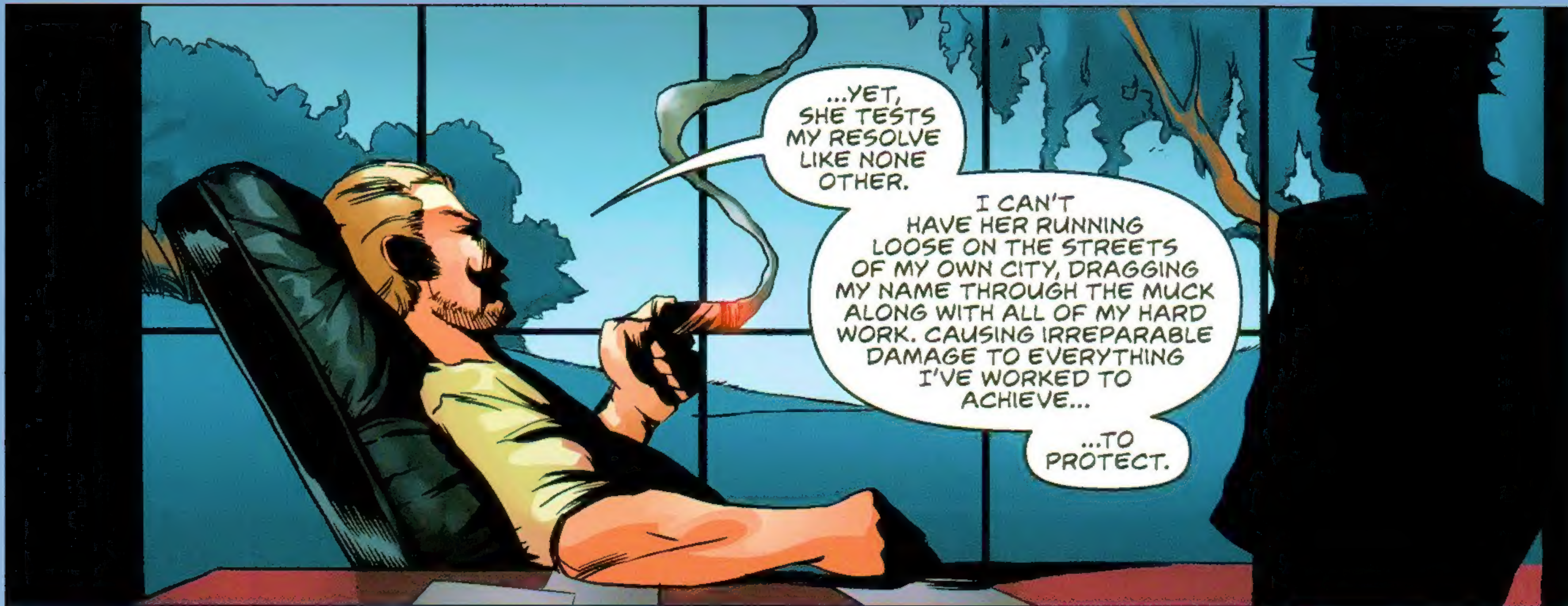
CAN'T A MAN ASPIRE TO ALL THREE?



HA!  
THAT'S WHY I LOVE YOU.

"I LOVE THE GIRL..."





...YET,  
SHE TESTS  
MY RESOLVE  
LIKE NONE  
OTHER.

I CAN'T  
HAVE HER RUNNING  
LOOSE ON THE STREETS  
OF MY OWN CITY, DRAGGING  
MY NAME THROUGH THE MUCK  
ALONG WITH ALL OF MY HARD  
WORK. CAUSING IRREPARABLE  
DAMAGE TO EVERYTHING  
I'VE WORKED TO  
ACHIEVE...

...TO  
PROTECT.



NO...

...WE NEED  
TO FIND DAISY.  
PUT A STOP TO THIS  
NONSENSE-- AND TEACH  
HER A LESSON WHILE  
DOING SO.



YES, BUT  
SIR... IS THIS THE  
RIGHT PLAY HERE? I  
MEAN, OUTSOURCING TO  
FOREIGN CLIENTS IS NOT  
ADVISED. THINGS  
COULD GET  
MESSY.

SEE THAT IT'S  
DONE. I WILL NOT HAVE MY  
USUAL CHANNELS INVOLVED IN  
MY CLOSE, PERSONAL AFFAIRS.  
WE OUTSOURCE AND THEN WE  
PUT OUT THE SOURCE-- DO  
YOU UNDERSTAND,  
PARSONS?

GRAVELY,  
SIR.



YOU  
THINK I'M A  
FOOL, AM I  
RIGHT?

YOU  
LIE UNDER  
THREAT OF  
FEAR.

NOT  
AT ALL,  
SIR.



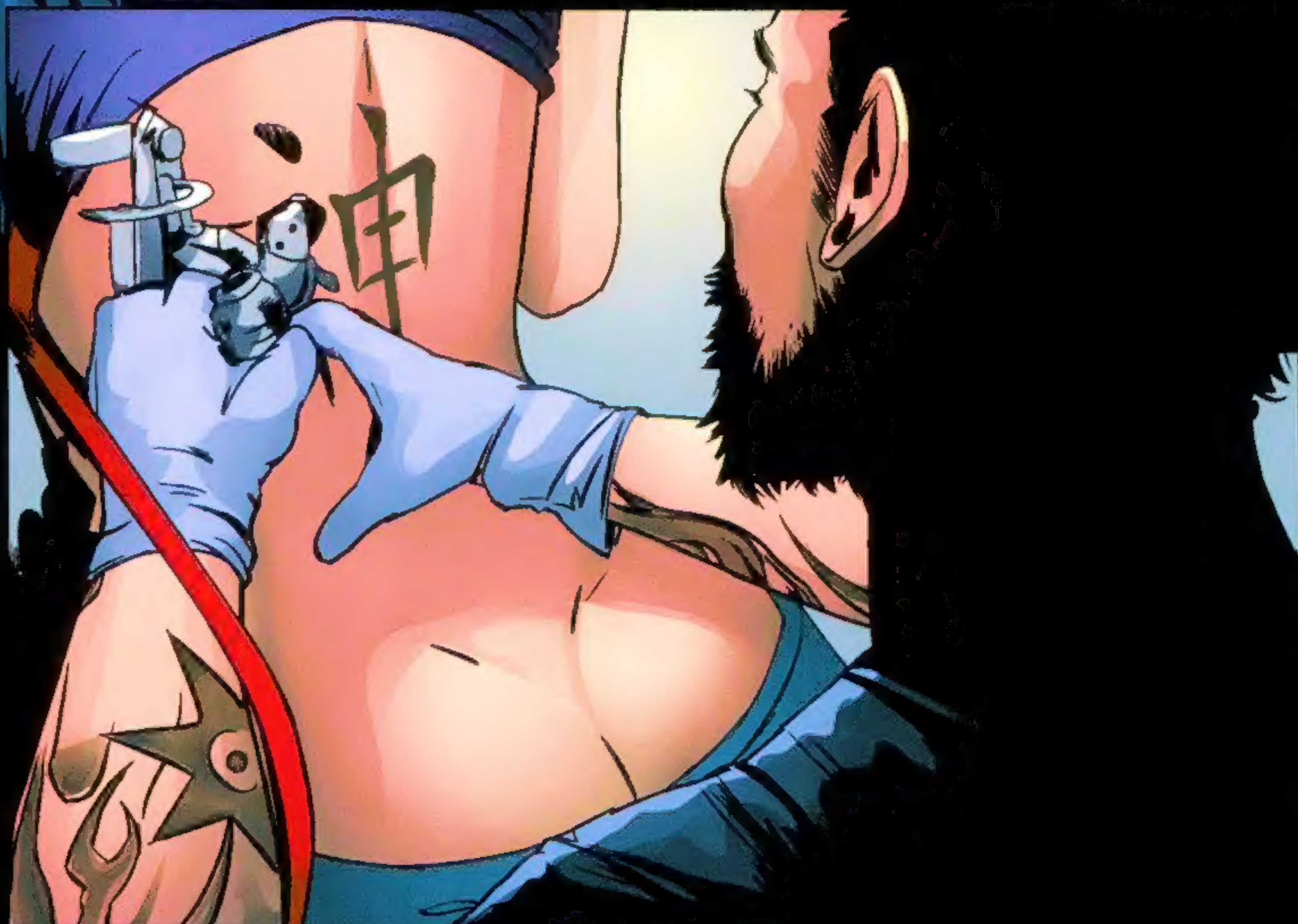
"I DON'T MIND  
YOUR FEAR, TO BE  
TRUTHFUL..."

"...I WELCOME IT."

"WHEN PEOPLE  
FEAR YOU, THEY HONOR  
YOU. AND IN TURN YOU CAN  
CONTROL THEM. THAT IS  
WHAT IS MISSING IN MY  
DAUGHTER... CONTROL."

"FOR AS LONG AS SHE  
HAS WALKED ON TWO  
LEGS, DAISY HAD LET  
ME GUIDE HER, AND  
MOLD HER INTO THE  
WOMAN I KNOW SHE  
COULD BE-- SOMEONE  
I COULD TAKE GREAT  
PRIDE IN."

"YET, SOMEWHERE  
A FRACTURE IN OUR  
RELATIONSHIP BEGAN TO  
FESTER... TO GROW INTO  
SOMETHING MORE. I MUSE,  
BUT I KNOW WHEN THAT  
TIME CAME-- WHEN HER  
MOTHER WAS TAKEN FROM  
US. AND I REFUSE TO  
LOSE DAISY AS WELL."

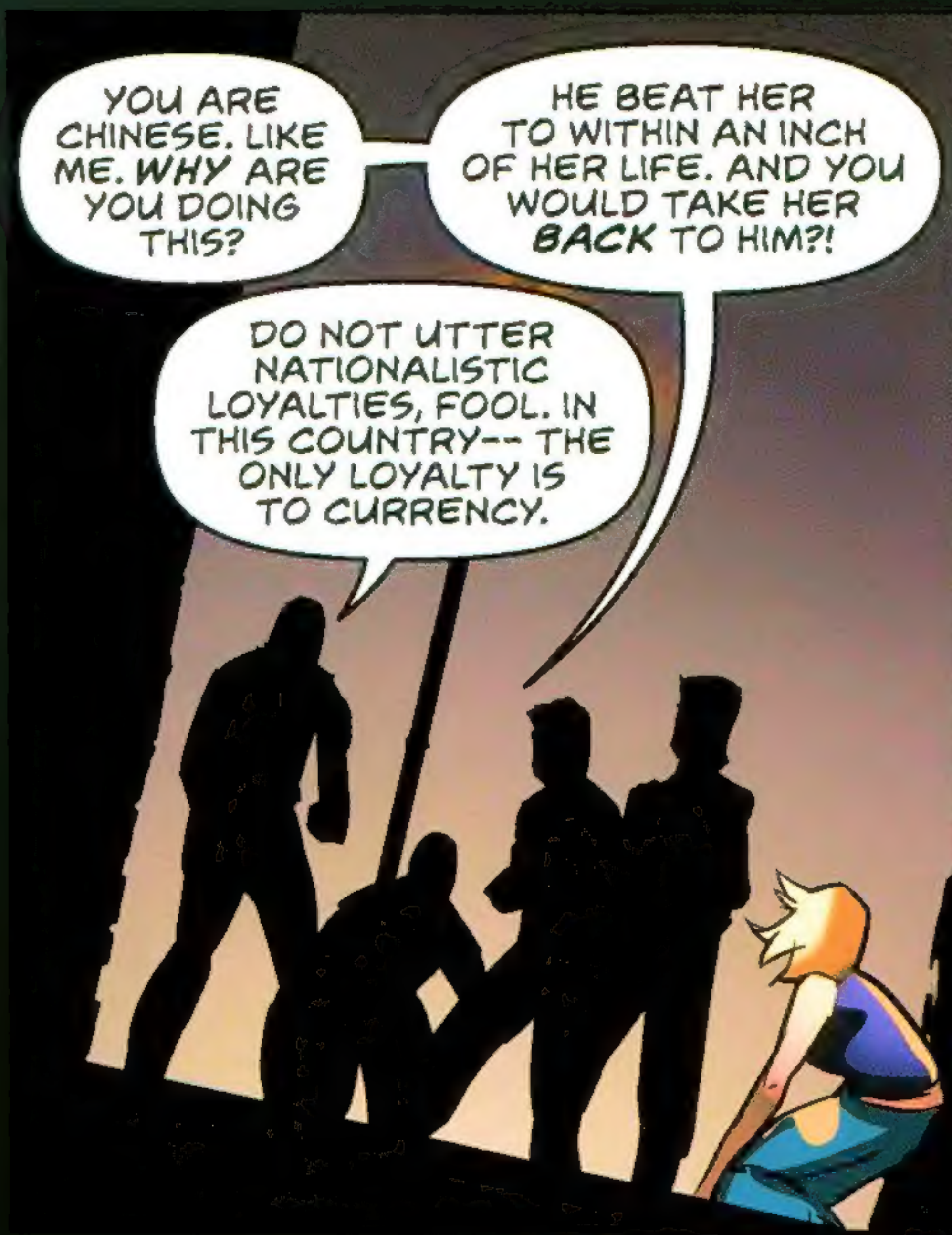


"OUR BOND  
IS BROKEN."









YOU ARE CHINESE. LIKE ME. WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

HE BEAT HER TO WITHIN AN INCH OF HER LIFE. AND YOU WOULD TAKE HER BACK TO HIM?!

DO NOT UTTER NATIONALISTIC LOYALTIES, FOOL. IN THIS COUNTRY-- THE ONLY LOYALTY IS TO CURRENCY.



IT'S NOT OUR CONCERN-- HER WELLBEING.

I WILL NOT GO BACK.



SHUT YOUR MOUTH!

I WILL NEVER GO BACK.

I SAID--



--I WILL NEVER GO BACK!!!



AAAAAAAAAAAAHHH!!!!



SHE JUST BIT HIM! F@#KING B@#CH!

DON'T SHOOT! WE NEED HER ALIVE!



BASTARDS!





XIN!

BANG



CRACK



DAISY!  
ARE YOU  
ALRIGHT?

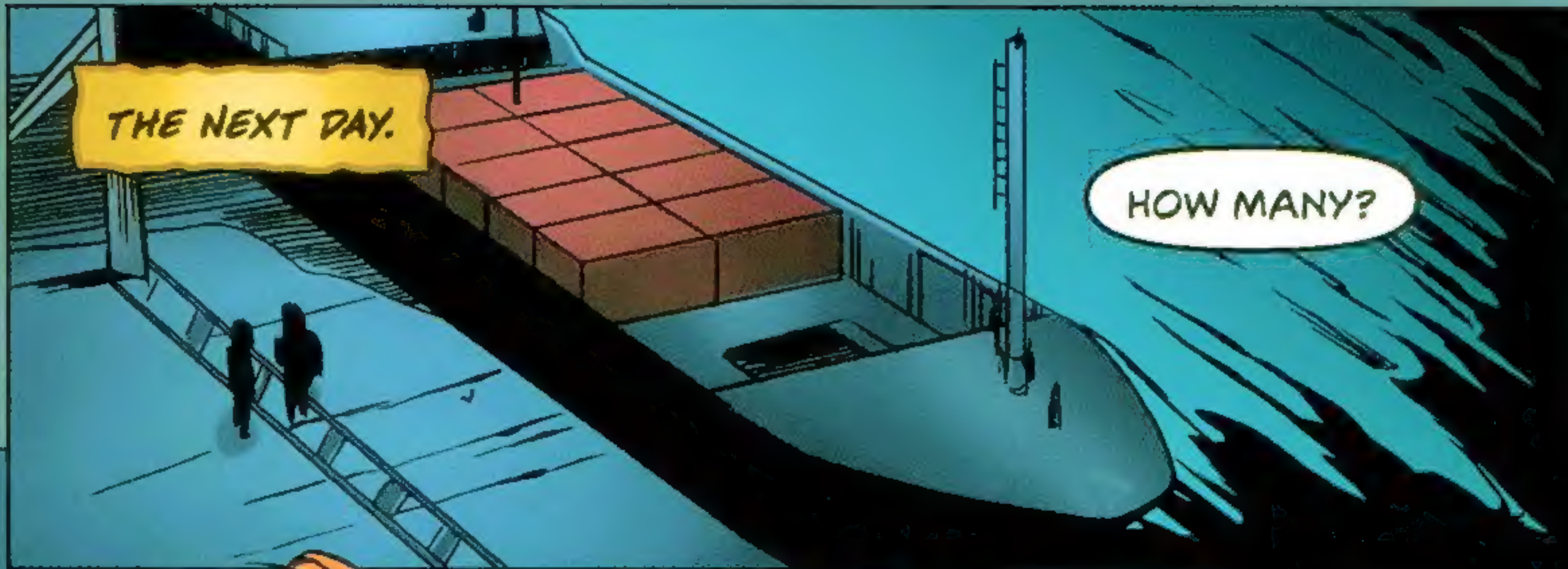


SHEN... I WILL  
NEVER GO BACK.  
NEVER GO BACK.  
NEVER...

...NEVER...

DAISY...  
WE MUST  
LEAVE.





THE NEXT DAY.

HOW MANY?

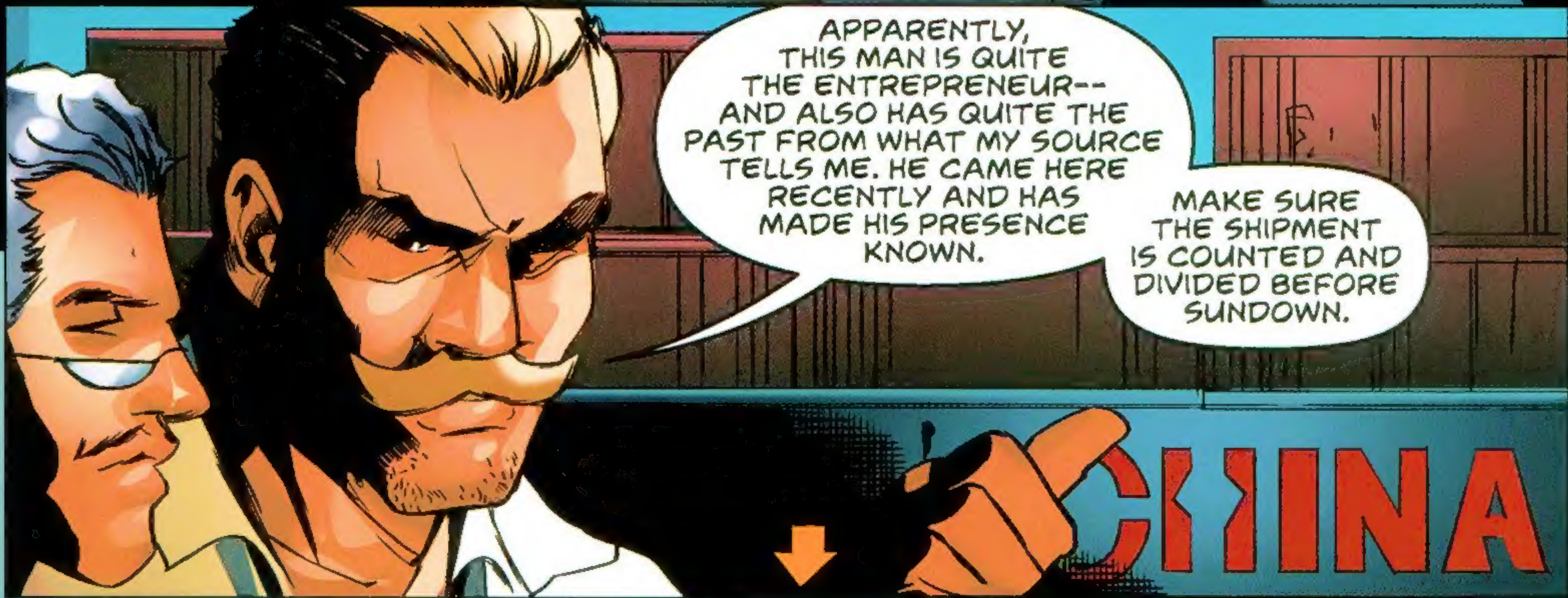


UNDERSTOOD. I WON'T LIE, THIS IS NOT PLEASING NEWS. YOU WILL HEAR FROM ME SOON.



THE CHINAMAN SHE IS WITH, HE TOOK OUT THE CLIENTS.

ONE MAN TOOK OUT ALL THREE?



APPARENTLY, THIS MAN IS QUITE THE ENTREPRENEUR-- AND ALSO HAS QUITE THE PAST FROM WHAT MY SOURCE TELLS ME. HE CAME HERE RECENTLY AND HAS MADE HIS PRESENCE KNOWN.

MAKE SURE THE SHIPMENT IS COUNTED AND DIVIDED BEFORE SUNDOWN.



AND FIND OUT EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS SHEN.

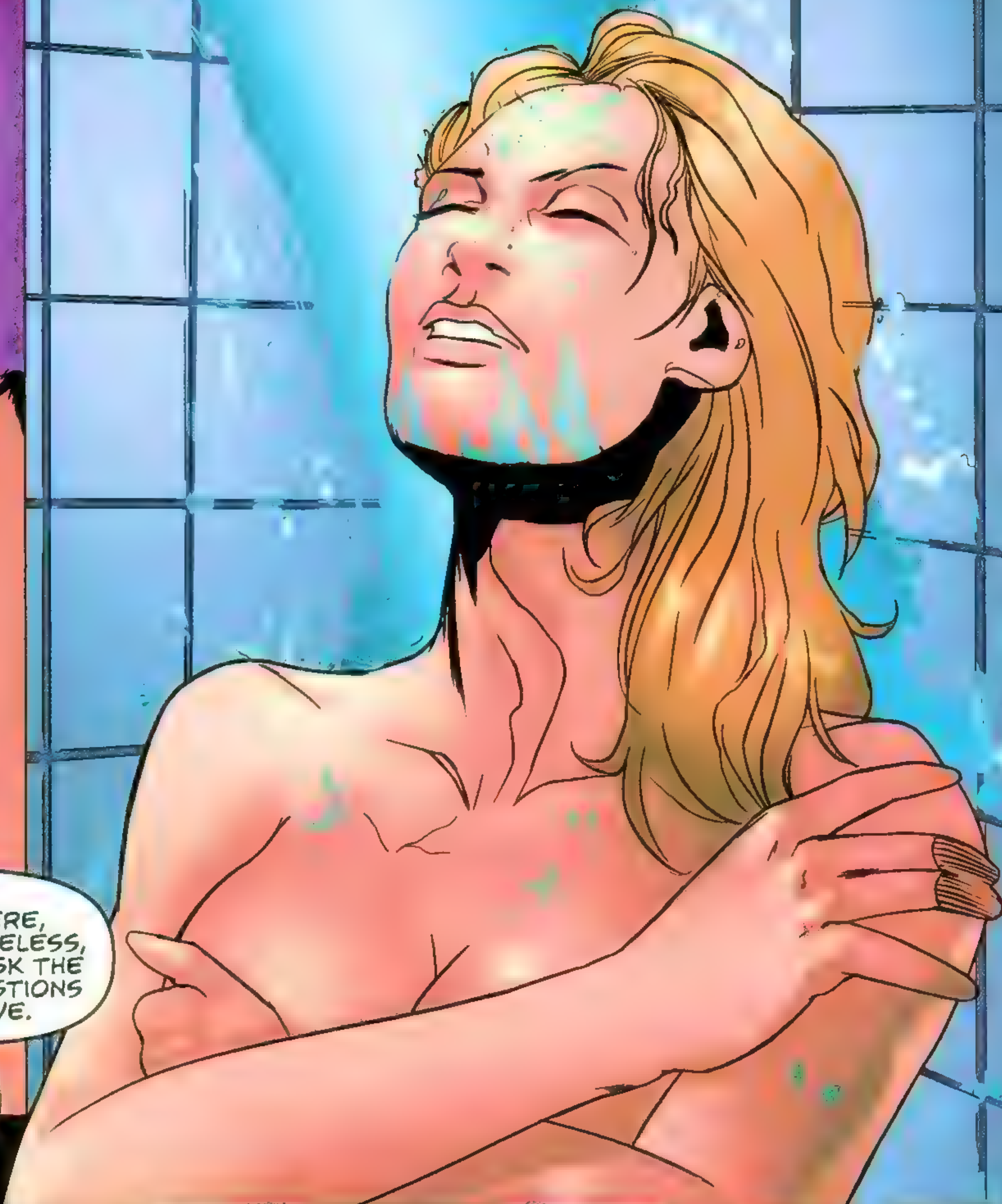


SOB  
SOB

DAISY...  
WE NEED TO  
TALK.

WHEN I  
FOUND YOU HERE,  
BEATEN AND HOPELESS,  
I REFUSED TO ASK THE  
IMPORTANT QUESTIONS  
I SHOULD HAVE.

BUT, IF WE ARE  
GOING TO BE TOGETHER,  
WE MUST BE COMPLETELY  
HONEST WITH EACH  
OTHER.

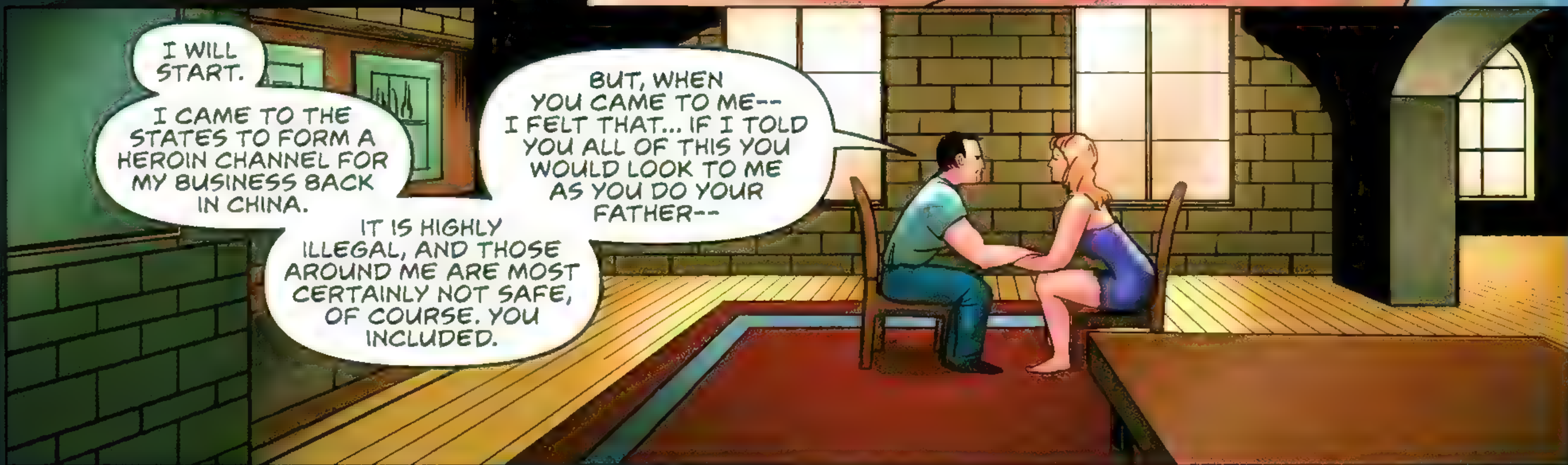


I WILL  
START.

I CAME TO THE  
STATES TO FORM A  
HEROIN CHANNEL FOR  
MY BUSINESS BACK  
IN CHINA.

IT IS HIGHLY  
ILLEGAL, AND THOSE  
AROUND ME ARE MOST  
CERTAINLY NOT SAFE,  
OF COURSE. YOU  
INCLUDED.

BUT, WHEN  
YOU CAME TO ME--  
I FELT THAT... IF I TOLD  
YOU ALL OF THIS YOU  
WOULD LOOK TO ME  
AS YOU DO YOUR  
FATHER--

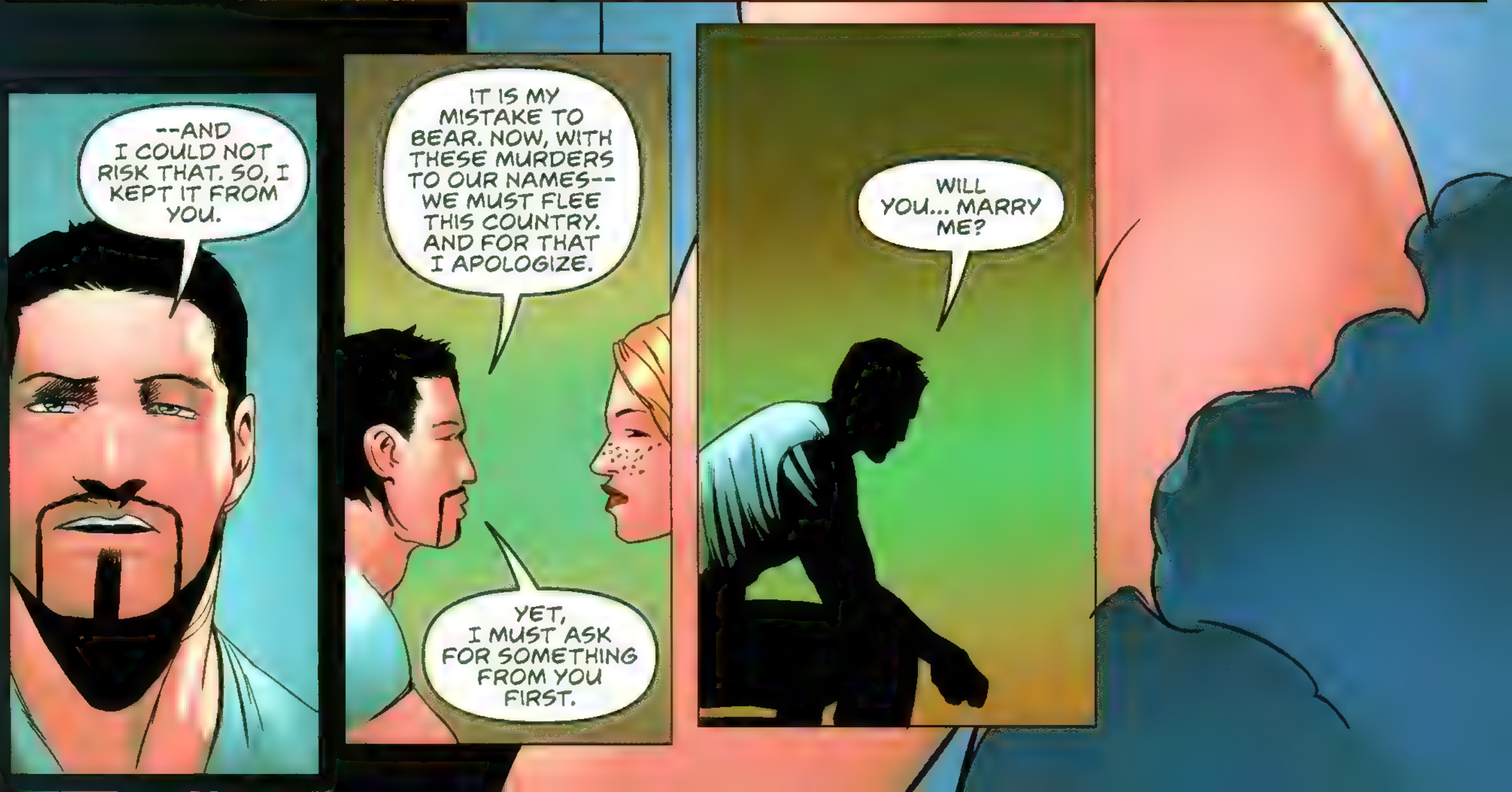


--AND  
I COULD NOT  
RISK THAT. SO, I  
KEPT IT FROM  
YOU.

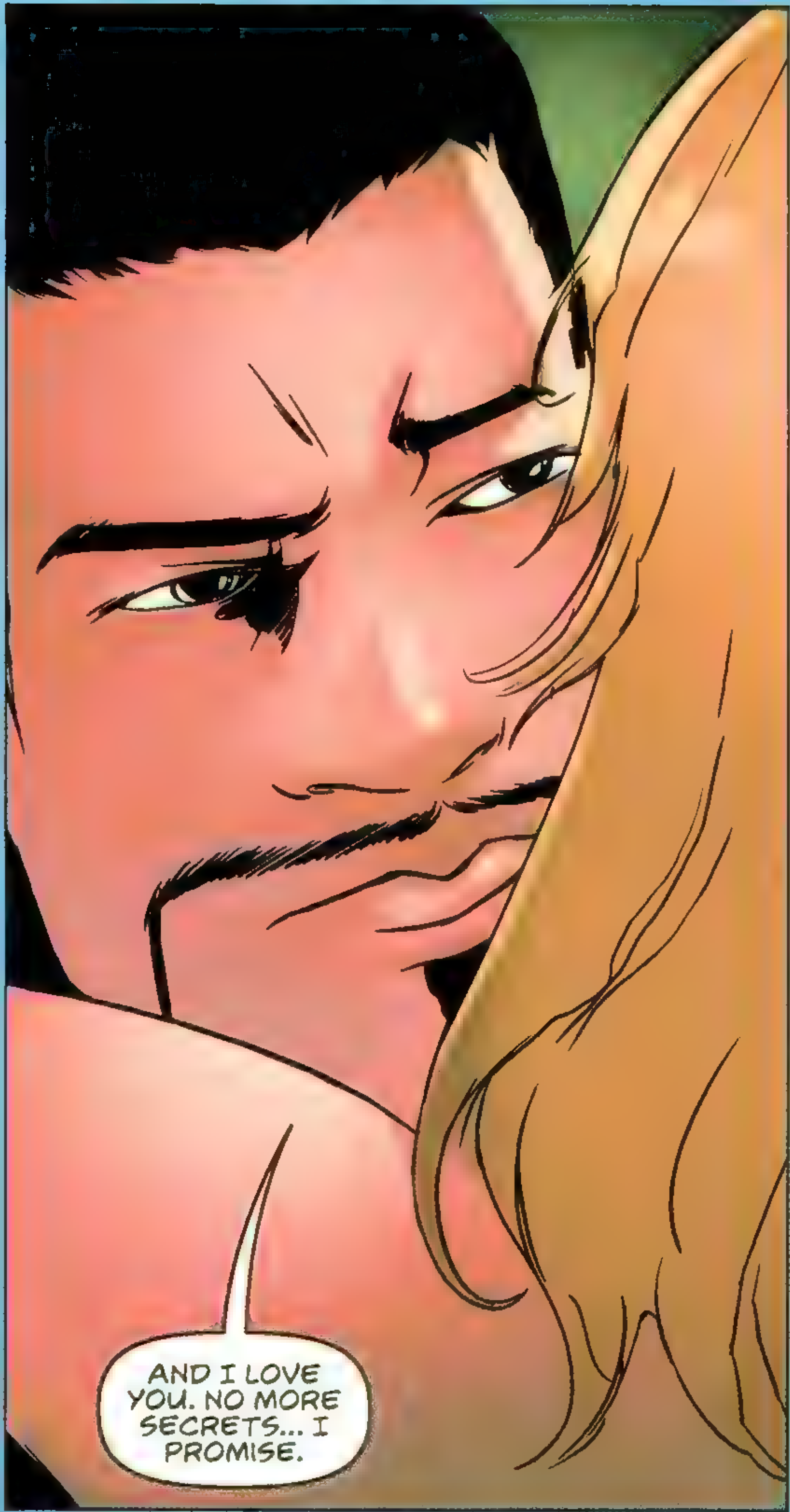
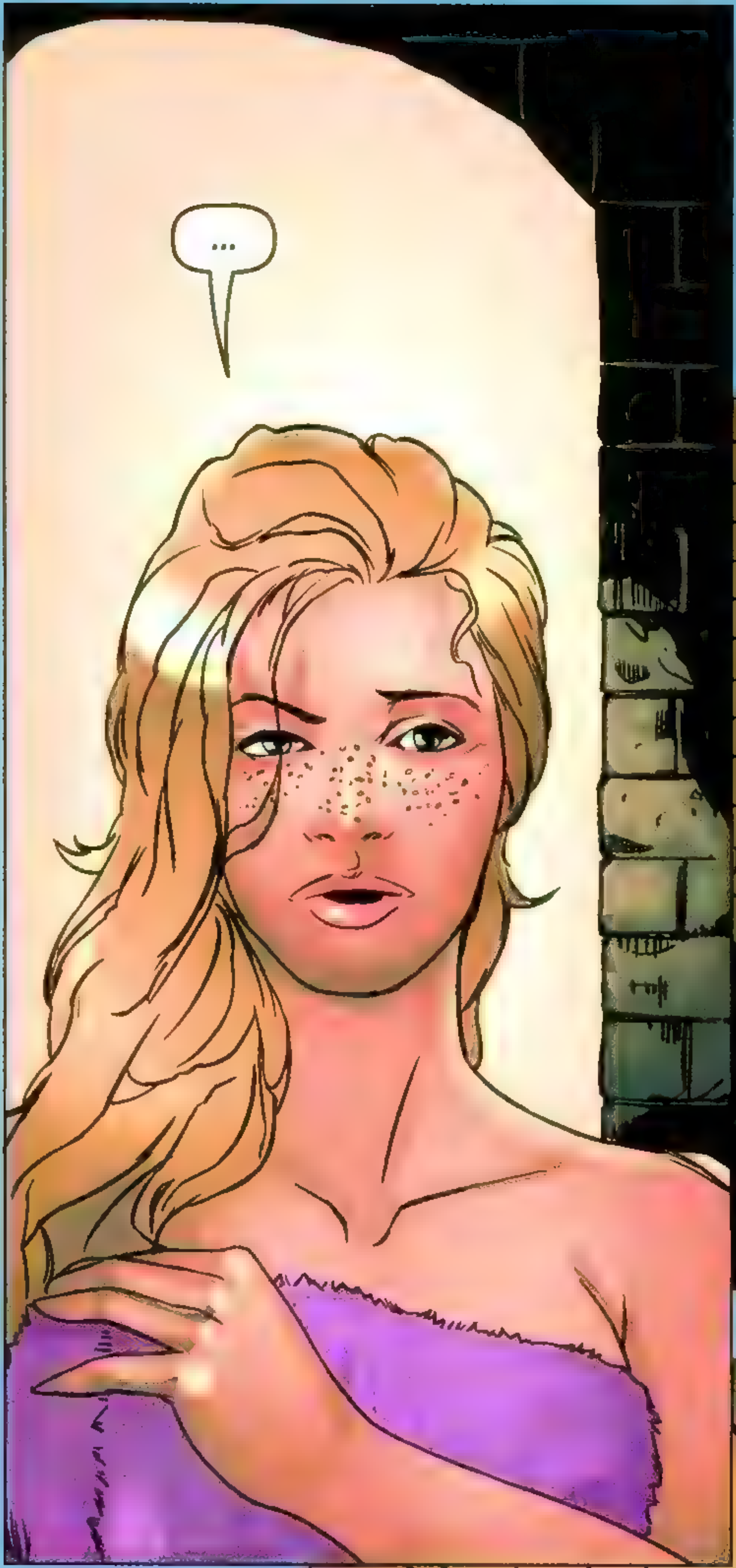
IT IS MY  
MISTAKE TO  
BEAR. NOW, WITH  
THESE MURDERS  
TO OUR NAMES--  
WE MUST FLEE  
THIS COUNTRY.  
AND FOR THAT  
I APOLOGIZE.

YET,  
I MUST ASK  
FOR SOMETHING  
FROM YOU  
FIRST.

WILL  
YOU... MARRY  
ME?









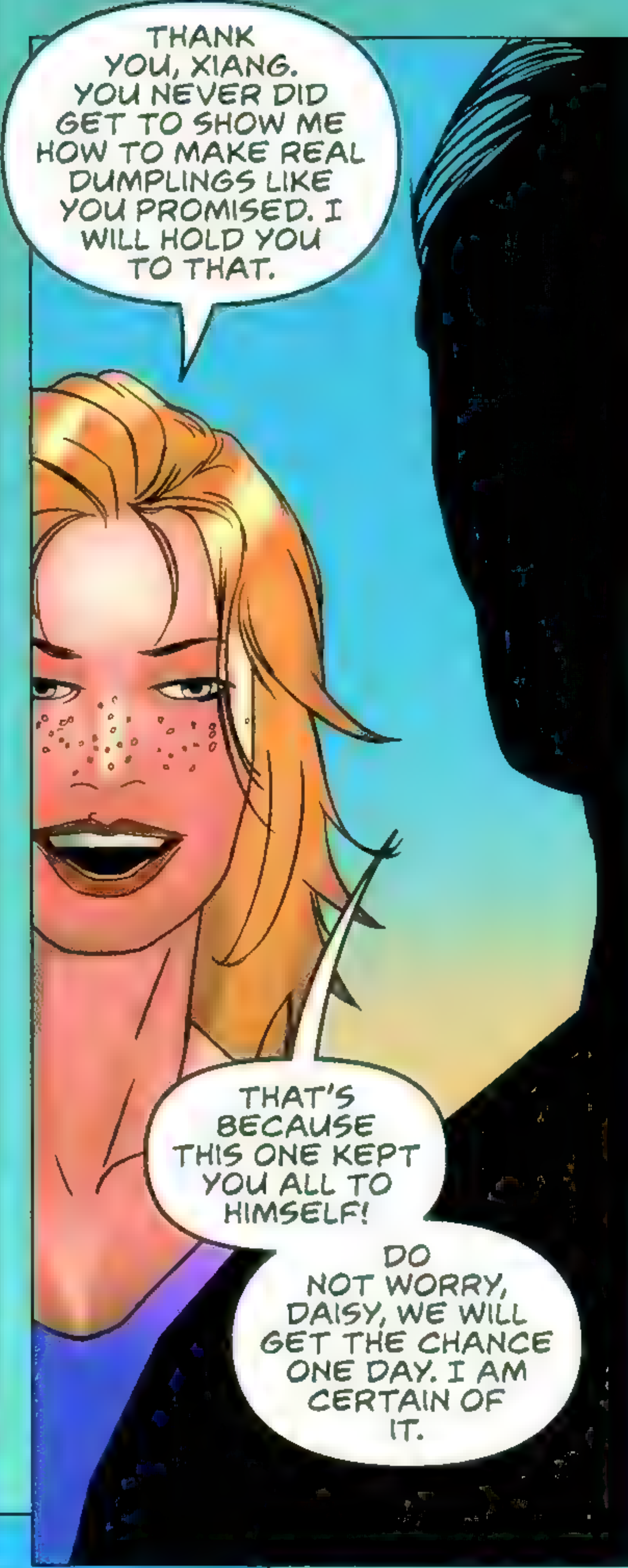


YOU'RE ALL SET. ARE YOU *SURE* YOU WANT TO DO THIS? I CAN TAKE CARE OF OUR ASSETS HERE-- BUT STILL--

--IT'S THE ONLY WAY. WE ARE WANTED HERE. IF WE STAY I WOULD ONLY FURTHER ADD PROBLEMS TO OUR DEALINGS. WE NEED TO AVOID THE HEAT FOR AWHILE.

I TRUST YOU, XIANG. I KNOW IT IS NOT WISE IN THIS INDUSTRY, BUT I KNOW YOU WILL STRENGTHEN OUR BUSINESS IN MY ABSENCE.

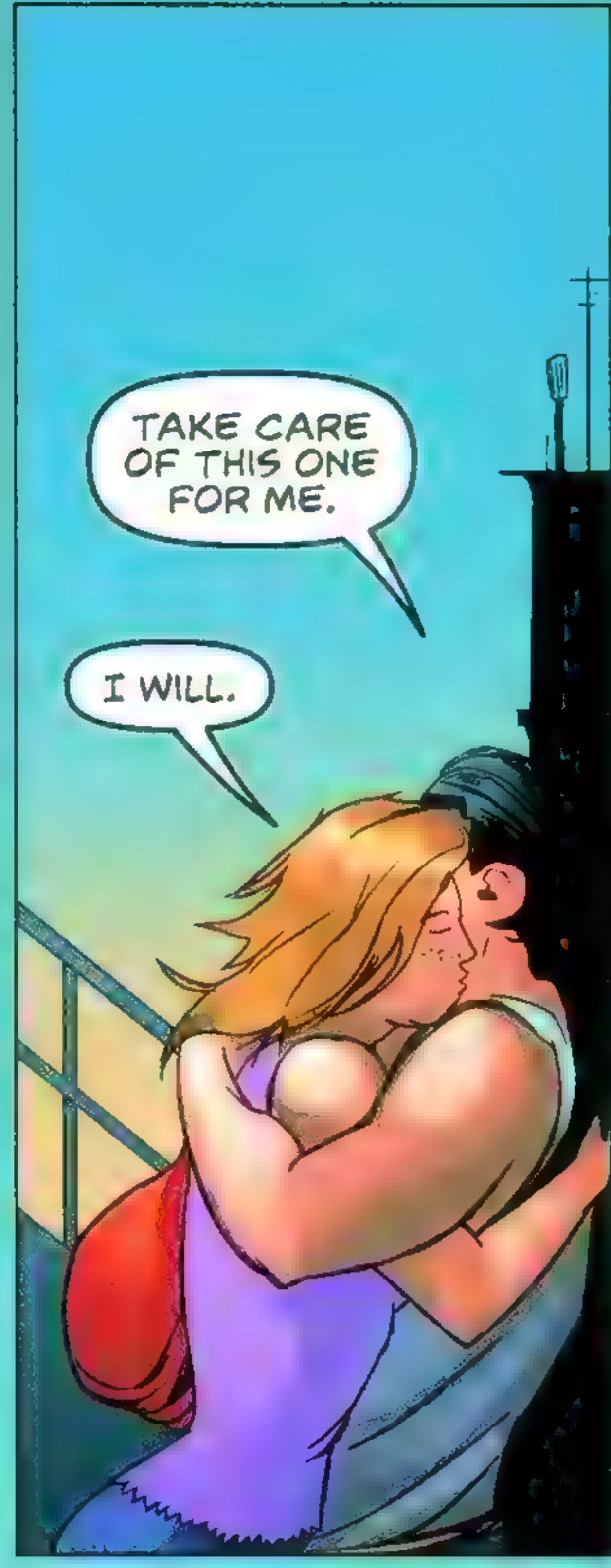
OF COURSE.



THANK YOU, XIANG. YOU NEVER DID GET TO SHOW ME HOW TO MAKE REAL DUMPLINGS LIKE YOU PROMISED. I WILL HOLD YOU TO THAT.

THAT'S BECAUSE THIS ONE KEPT YOU ALL TO HIMSELF!

DO NOT WORRY, DAISY, WE WILL GET THE CHANCE ONE DAY. I AM CERTAIN OF IT.



TAKE CARE OF THIS ONE FOR ME.

I WILL.



THANK YOU, I MEAN IT.

EVERYTHING WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF, SHEN...



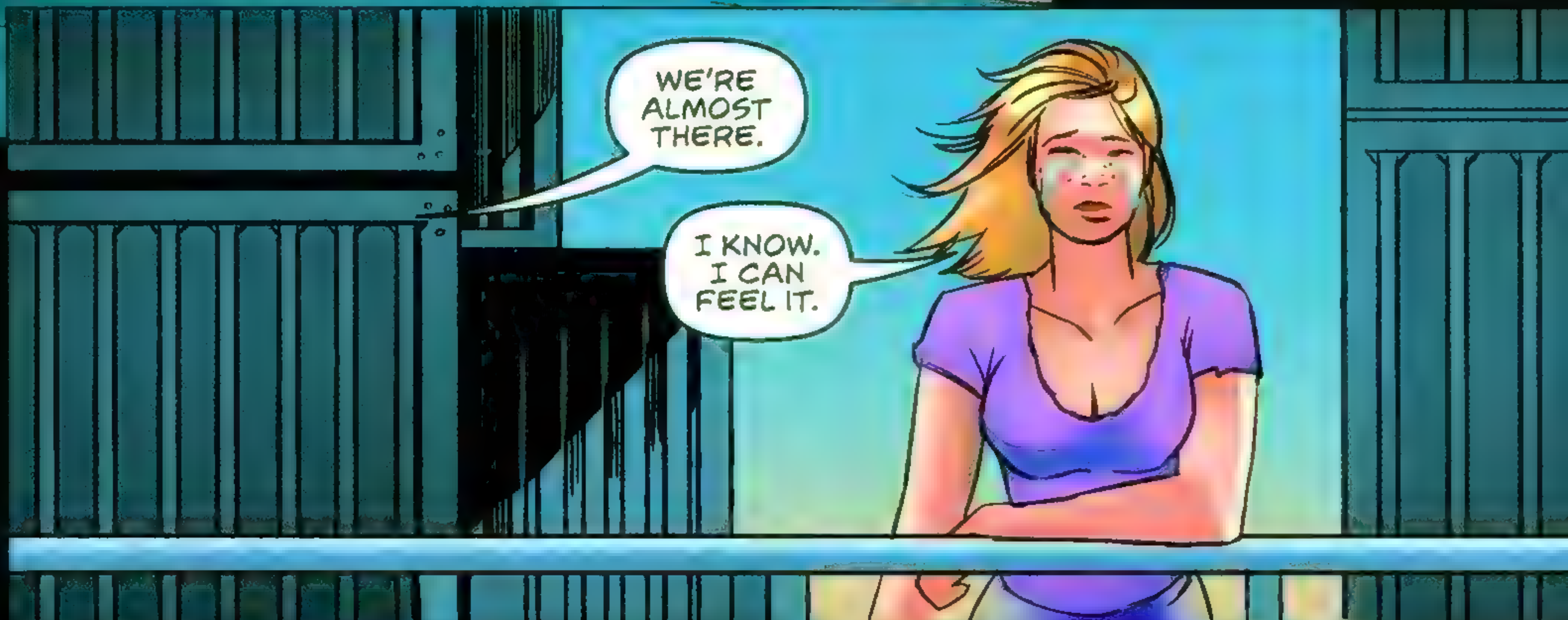
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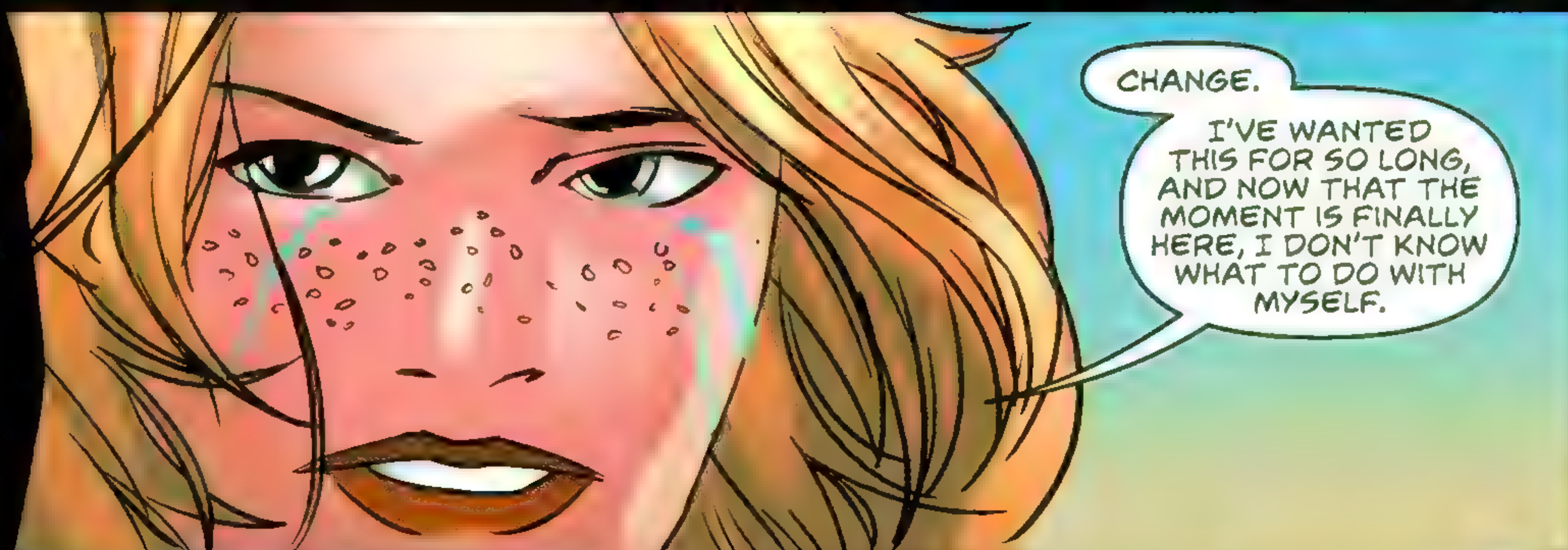
EAST CHINA SEA.

SOME TIME LATER.



WE'RE ALMOST THERE.

I KNOW. I CAN FEEL IT.



CHANGE.

I'VE WANTED THIS FOR SO LONG, AND NOW THAT THE MOMENT IS FINALLY HERE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF.



DAISY... I... I BROUGHT YOU HERE FOR A REASON.

I KNOW. WE HAD TO LEAVE.

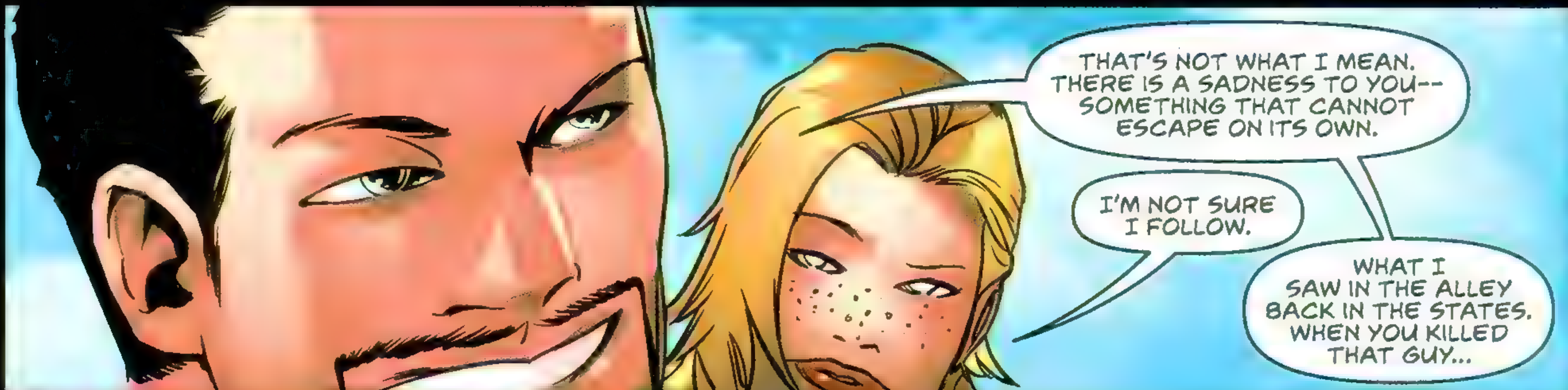


NO, THAT'S NOT IT.

LOOK AT YOU. SO BEAUTIFUL-- YET SO... FRAGILE.

I'M NOT AS WEAK AS YOU THINK I AM. JUST ASK THE DEAD GUY BACK IN NEW ORLEANS.





THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN. THERE IS A SADNESS TO YOU-- SOMETHING THAT CANNOT ESCAPE ON ITS OWN.

I'M NOT SURE I FOLLOW.

WHAT I SAW IN THE ALLEY BACK IN THE STATES. WHEN YOU KILLED THAT GUY...



...THAT IS THE REAL YOU, IS IT NOT? THE BLOODLUST?

I WAS UPSET, IT WASN'T WHAT YOU THI--

DAISY-- IT'S OKAY. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HIDE WHO YOU ARE FROM ME. I LOVE YOU. EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU, INCLUDING THE THINGS YOU KEEP FROM ME-- FROM EVERYONE.



I'M NOT CRAZY-- IF THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK. IT'S JUST... SOMETHING BUILDS INSIDE OF ME AND I HAVE TO RELEASE IT. OR ELSE... I DON'T KNOW. I JUST DO, OKAY.

IT'S BEEN THAT WAY SINCE I WAS A LITTLE GIRL. MY FATHER--

--HE IS THE REASON.



I CAN-- AND WILL-- SHOW YOU WHAT IT'S LIKE TO NOT LIVE IN FEAR OF HIM ANYMORE, DAISY. THIS I PROMISE.



BUT, FIRST... I WILL SHOW YOU WHERE I CAME FROM.



THE VILLAGE OF  
BAISHUITAI.

IT'S BEAUTIFUL  
OUT HERE.

THIS IS  
WHERE I GREW  
UP. WHERE I CALLED  
HOME FOR A  
TIME.

I WONDER  
WHAT YOU WERE  
LIKE AS A CHILD.  
PROBABLY CUTE  
AS A BUTTON.

I'VE NOT HEARD  
THAT EXPRESSION  
BEFORE. BUT, I WILL  
GLADLY ACCEPT IT. NO,  
UNFORTUNATELY MY  
CHILDHOOD WAS  
ANYTHING BUT  
CUTE.

"MY MOTHER AND FATHER  
PERISHED WHEN THIS VILLAGE'S POOR  
AND FAMISHED REBELLED AGAINST  
THE LOCAL WARLORD AT THE TIME,  
MENG YAO. HE SLAUGHTERED ANYONE  
WHO OPPOSED HIM-- INCLUDING  
MY KIN."

"I WAS SUPPOSED  
TO BE MURDERED AS  
THEY WERE, YET ONE OF  
MENG YAO'S UNDERLINGS,  
A MAN NAMED WEI, CHOSE  
TO ALLOW ME TO LIVE...  
FOR HIS OWN REASONS."

"HE TAUGHT  
ME THE MEANING  
OF HARD WORK, HOW  
TO SURVIVE ON  
MY OWN..."

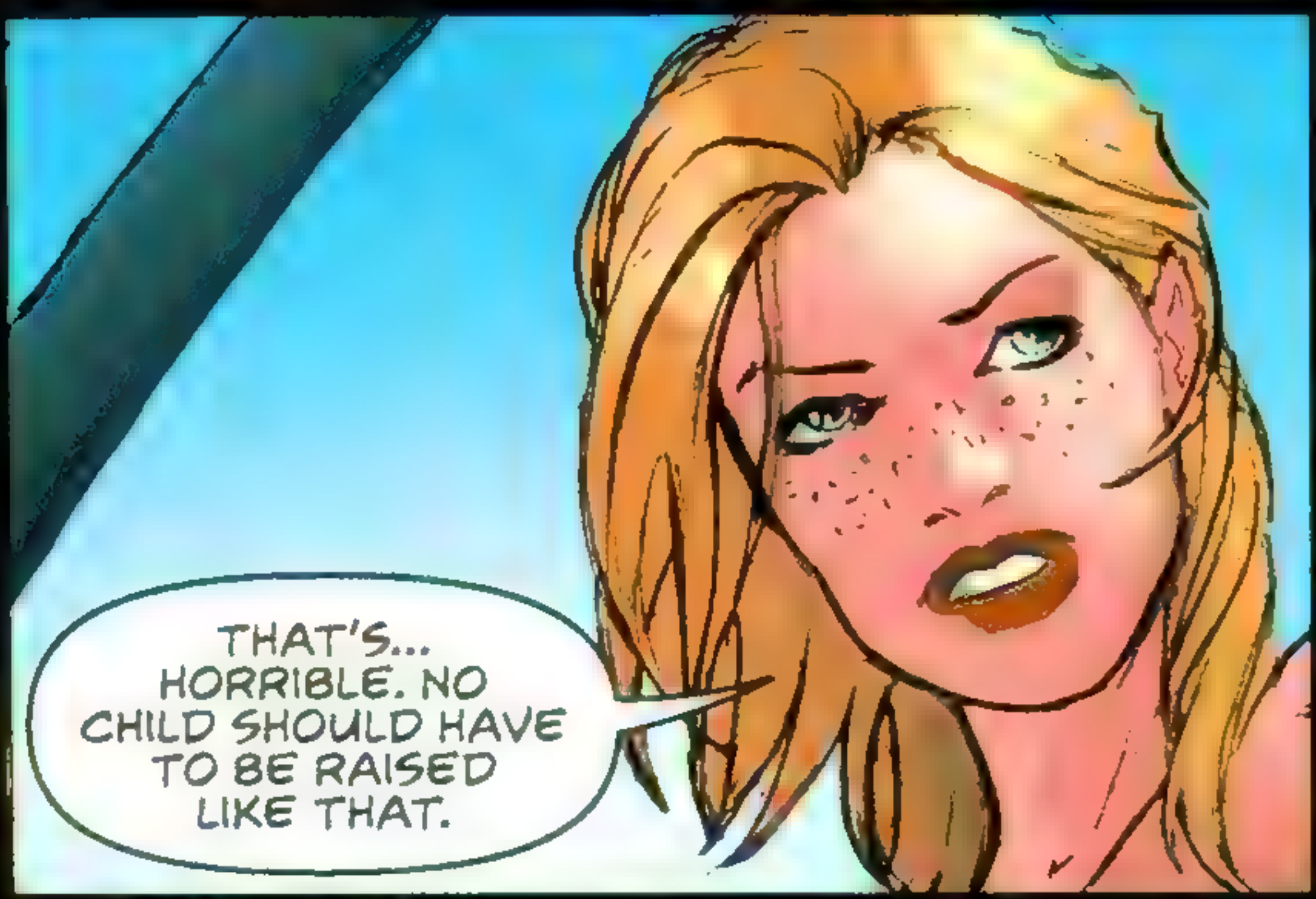
"...AND  
ALSO ABOUT  
LOYALTY."

HE BRUTALLY TOOK  
MENG YAO'S PLACE  
AS THE WARLORD  
OF OUR VILLAGE...

"...YET, HE BOUND  
ME TO HIS ACTIONS THROUGH MY  
OWN. I HAD TO SPILL BLOOD TOO.  
IT WAS MY DESTINY. CUNNING HE  
WAS, INDEED."

YES, HE  
TAUGHT ME  
MUCH OF THE  
REALITIES OF  
LIFE.





THAT'S...  
HORRIBLE. NO  
CHILD SHOULD HAVE  
TO BE RAISED  
LIKE THAT.



WE ALL  
HAVE OUR  
DEMONS.

YES.



"IT WASN'T SO BAD.  
AFTER WEI PASSED AWAY,  
I INHERITED HIS ENTERPRISE.  
THE VILLAGE LOOKED UP  
TO ME FOR A TIME,  
I SUPPOSE."

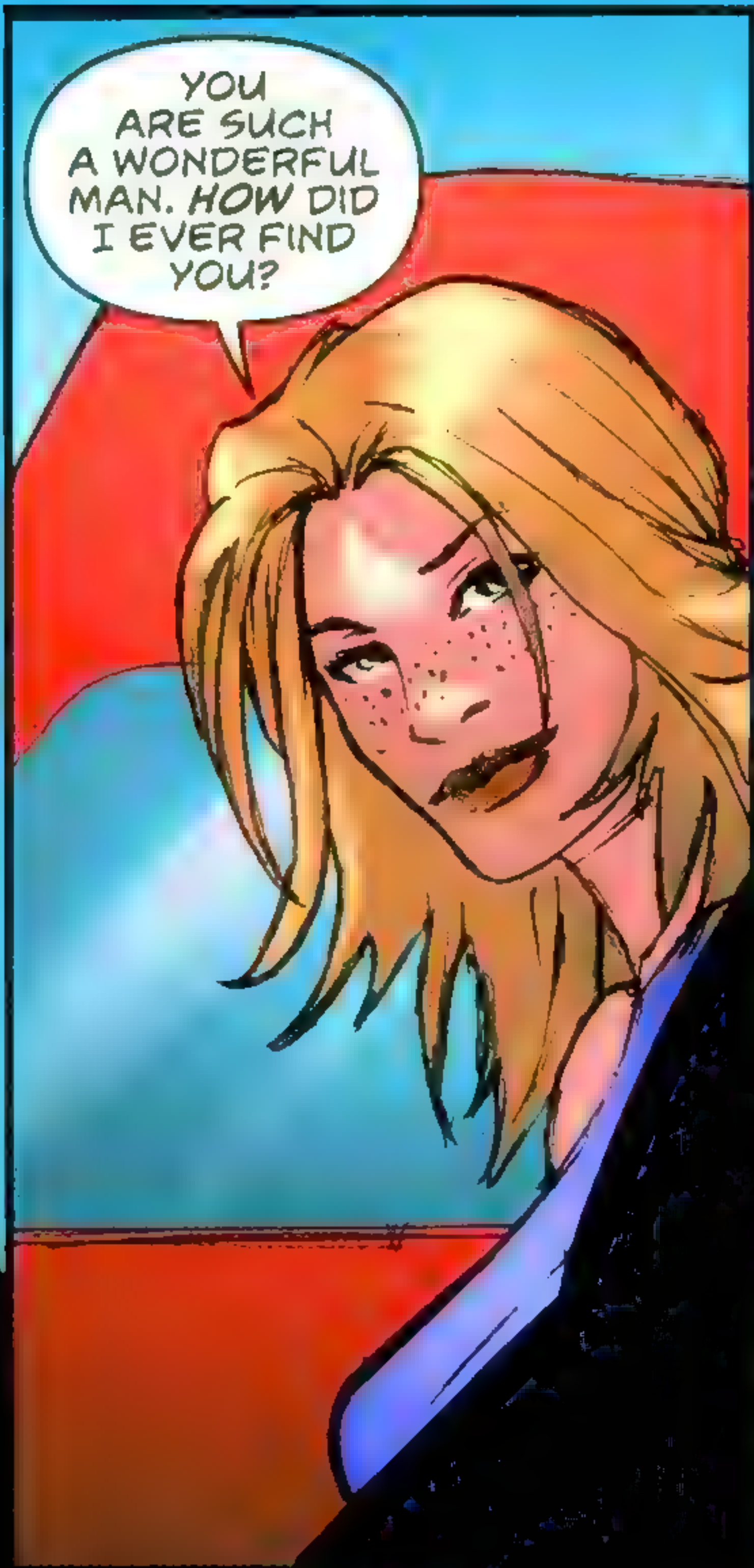
"BUT, I NEVER  
LOST SIGHT OF  
WHERE I CAME  
FROM. I WASN'T  
BORN THIS WAY,  
AND NEITHER  
WERE YOU."

"YOU CAN  
CONTROL THE ANGER  
INSIDE..."

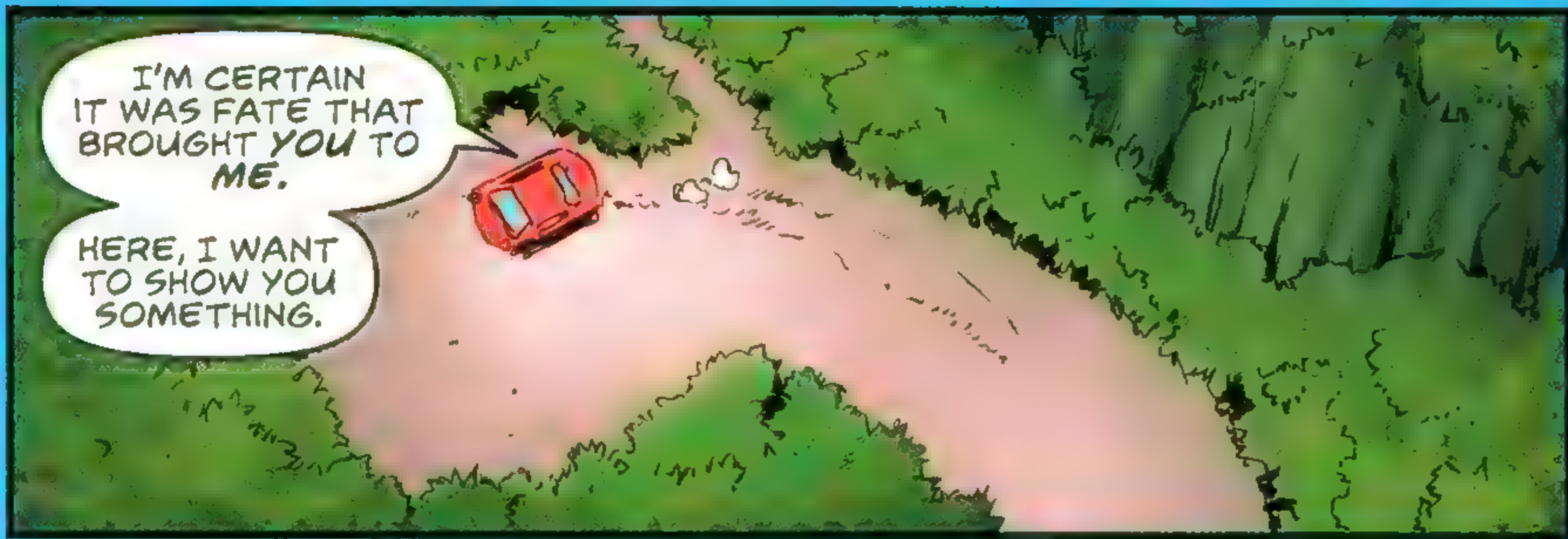
"...AND MAKE  
IT WORK TO YOUR  
ADVANTAGE."

GO. AND  
DO NOT FORGET  
WHO SPARED YOUR LIFE  
THIS DAY. WHO OFFERS THIS  
VILLAGE FORGIVENESS  
IN THE FACE OF  
DISRESPECT.



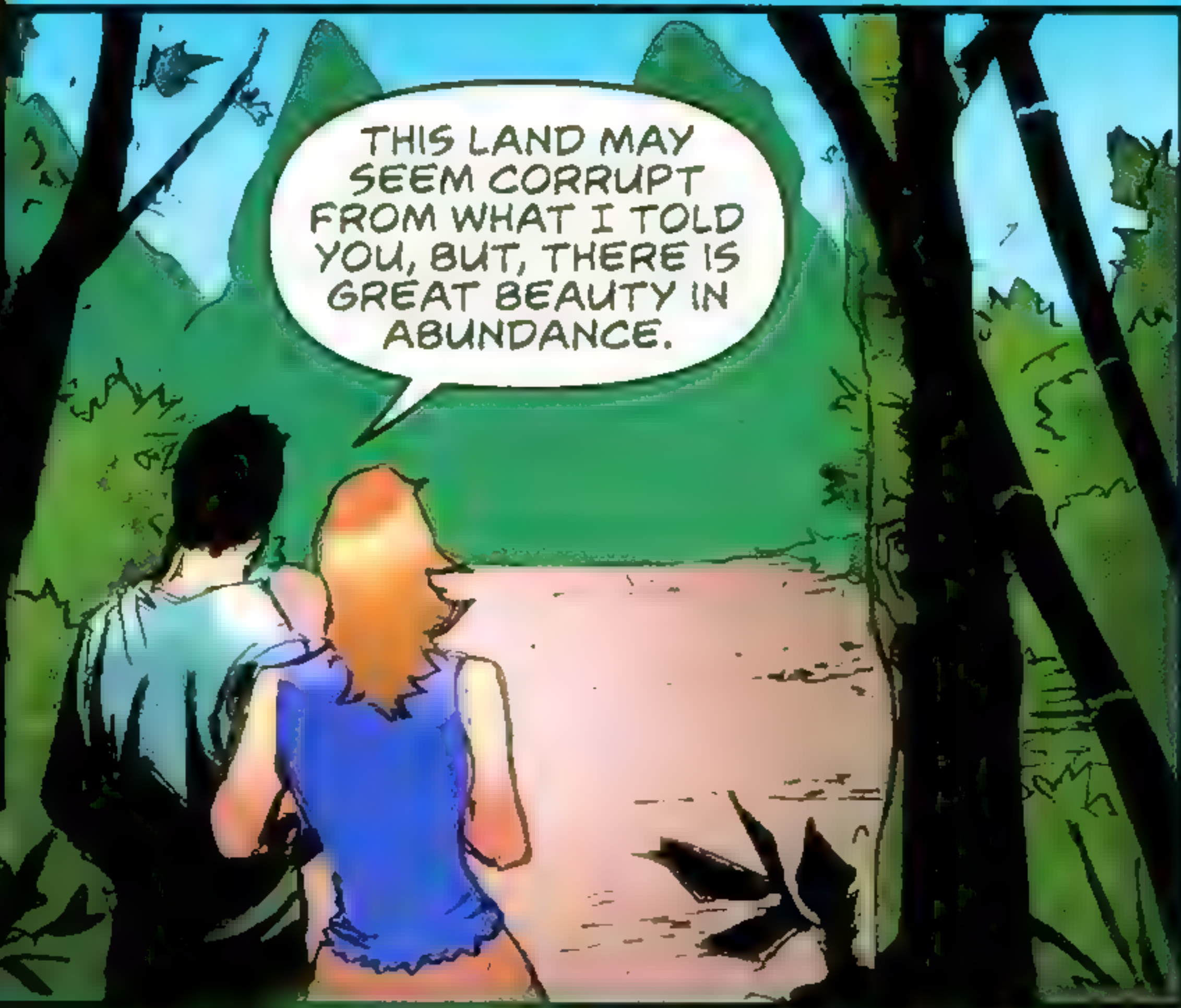


YOU ARE SUCH A WONDERFUL MAN. HOW DID I EVER FIND YOU?

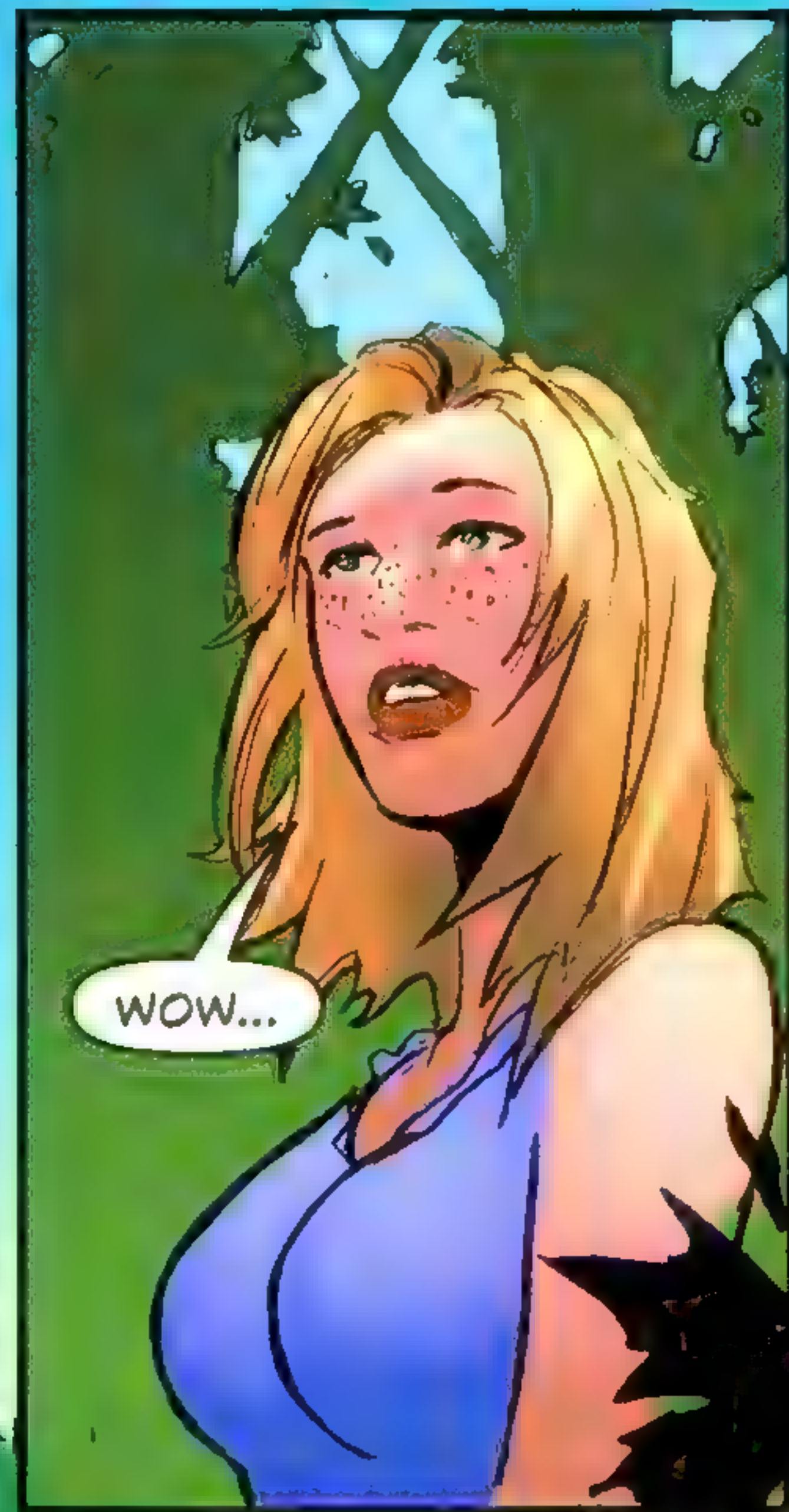


I'M CERTAIN IT WAS FATE THAT BROUGHT YOU TO ME.

HERE, I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING.



THIS LAND MAY SEEM CORRUPT FROM WHAT I TOLD YOU, BUT, THERE IS GREAT BEAUTY IN ABUNDANCE.



WOW...



THE MINERAL TERRACES.

IT'S SO PRETTY.



THANK YOU FOR BRINGING ME HERE.

DO NOT THANK ME UNTIL YOU'VE SEEN EVERYTHING.





THE LINE IS SAFE. ALL THE ESSENTIALS HAVE BEEN POSTED TO THE SECURE MESSAGE BOARD. HER PHOTO IS INCLUDED...



...SHE WILL NOT BE HARD TO SPOT.



UNDERSTOOD. THAT SUM WILL NOT BE A PROBLEM. AN INCENTIVE BONUS WILL BE ADDED IF THE ONE KNOWN AS "SHEN" IS TAKEN CARE OF, AS WELL. HIS PARTNER XIANG HAS UPLOADED HIS PHOTO.

DEAD OR ALIVE-- IT DOESN'T MATTER.



YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, CORRECT?

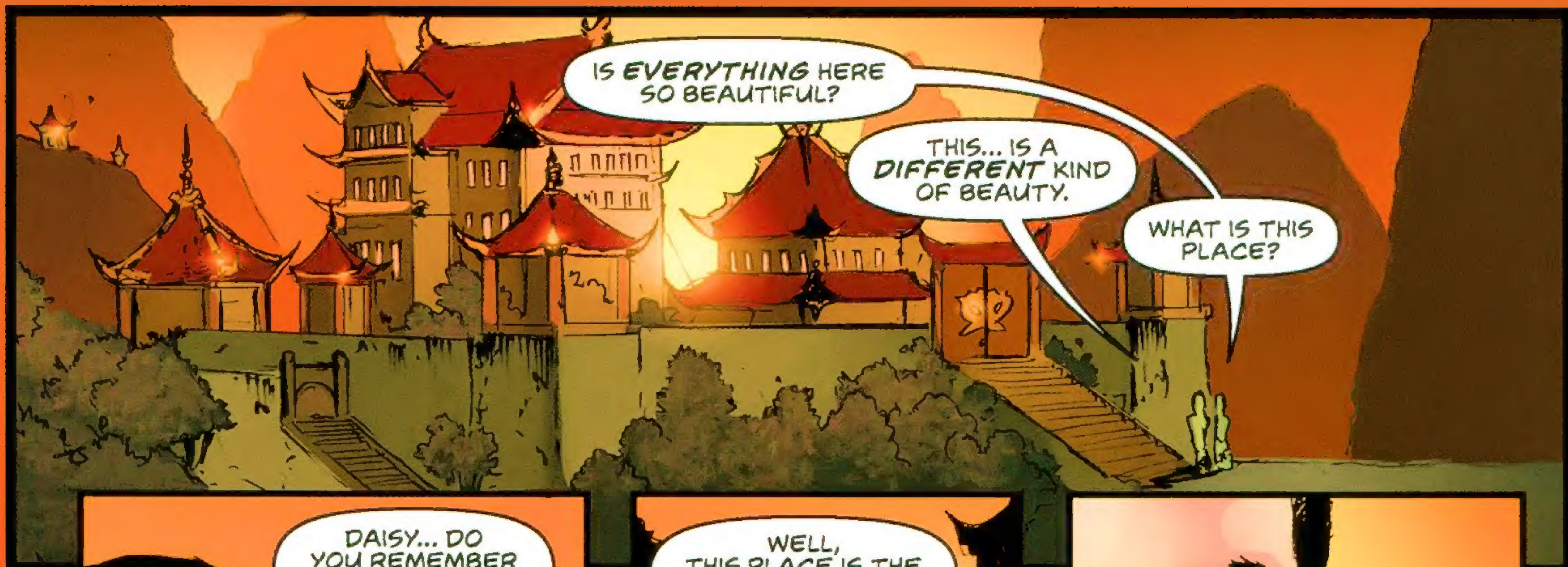


IT WILL  
NOT BE A  
PROBLEM.

MAKE  
SURE THE  
CURRENCY IS  
THERE WHEN I  
CHECK, IT WILL  
NOT TAKE  
LONG.







IS EVERYTHING HERE  
SO BEAUTIFUL?

THIS... IS A  
DIFFERENT KIND  
OF BEAUTY.

WHAT IS THIS  
PLACE?



DAISY... DO  
YOU REMEMBER  
WHAT I TOLD YOU  
ON THE BOAT?

THAT I WOULD  
DO EVERYTHING  
IN MY POWER TO  
SHOW YOU WHAT  
A LIFE WITHOUT  
FEAR COULD BE  
LIKE?

OF COURSE.

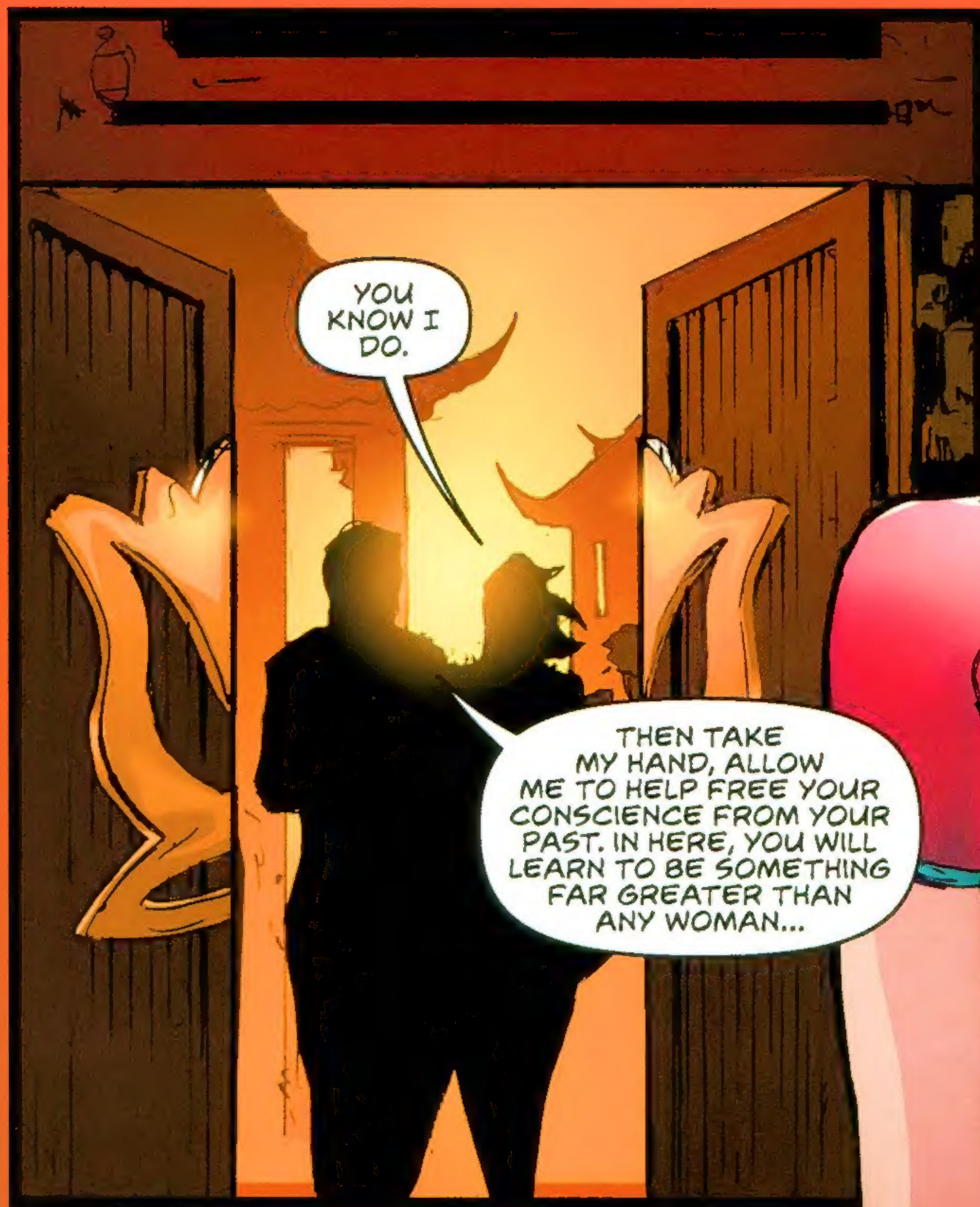


WELL,  
THIS PLACE IS THE  
BEGINNING OF THAT  
JOURNEY.

WHAT...  
DO YOU  
MEAN?



DO YOU  
TRUST ME,  
DAISY?



YOU  
KNOW I  
DO.

THEN TAKE  
MY HAND, ALLOW  
ME TO HELP FREE YOUR  
CONSCIENCE FROM YOUR  
PAST. IN HERE, YOU WILL  
LEARN TO BE SOMETHING  
FAR GREATER THAN  
ANY WOMAN...



WELCOME,  
SHEN. IT HAS BEEN  
TOO LONG. THE VILLAGE  
MISSES YOUR GUIDANCE.  
AND YOU MUST BE DAISY.  
IT PLEASES ME TO NO END  
THAT YOU ARE ALREADY  
APTLY NAMED...



...THE  
ACADEMY HAS  
BEEN EXPECTING  
YOU.



TO BE CONTINUED!  
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